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FILE: Committee

14 July 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Language Development Committee

FROM:

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Executive Secretary, Language  
Development Committee

SUBJECT: Minutes of 2 July 1981 Language  
Development Committee Meeting (U)

1. Present: William N. Hart, Associate Deputy Director  
for Administration and Chairman, Language Development Committee  
(LDC); [redacted] Senior Training Officer, Directorate  
of Operations (DDO), DDO representative; [redacted] 25X1  
Chief, Policy Staff, Office of Personnel, DCI representative;  
[redacted] Deputy Chief, Production Group, Foreign  
Broadcast Information Service, Directorate of Science and  
Technology (DDS&T), alternate DDS&T representative; [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] National Foreign Assessment Center (NFAC), Program  
Integration Unit, alternate NFAC representative; [redacted] 25X1  
Senior Training Officer, Directorate of Administration;  
[redacted] Assistant Career Development Officer, NFAC  
(representing the NFAC Senior Training Officer); [redacted] 25X1  
Chief, Language Training, Office of Training and Education  
(OTE), OTE representative; [redacted] Administrative 25X1  
Assistant, LDC; and [redacted] Executive Secretary,  
LDC. (C)

2. Item 1: Update on the Status of Language Use Awards  
for Language Specialists

Mr. Hart reported that the DDCI was expected to approve  
the then Director of Personnel's recommendation--which ran  
contrary to the Task Force for Language Specialists' recommen-  
dation--that the Language Use Award for language specialists  
be terminated. (Subject memoranda attached.) (U)

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3. Item 2: Discontinuance of the Recorded Oral  
Proficiency Exam and Extension of Test  
Validity for Overseas Personnel

Future use of the Recorded Oral Proficiency Exam (ROPE) will be on a limited, exceptional circumstances basis. The period of validity for tested language proficiencies will be extended from three to five years when an employee's PCS assignment makes it impossible for him/her to be tested within the normal validity period. In no circumstances will test validity be extended beyond five years, and Language Use and Maintenance Award payments will not be paid on any test more than five years old with the exception of individuals tested at the "native" proficiency since January 1, 1977. (U)

4. Item 3: Review of Language Training Reimbursables

Due to budgetary restrictions, since FY 1979 OTE has been unable to provide language training other than that funded for predetermined requirements. Agreements were made with language training customers that any language training in addition to that included in the OTE budget was to be paid for by the sponsoring component. The Committee agreed that all language training should be paid for by OTE, and OTE should include the approximately \$50,000 need for non-scheduled language training in its budget as soon as possible. (U)

5. Item 4: Language School Reports on Training  
Activities

Statistics produced by the Language School were made available to the Committee members. Language Incentive Program reports will continue to be sent to all members on a quarterly basis. The DDO representative will receive language training statistics on a weekly basis. (U)

6. Item 5: Language Maintenance Program Designations

The number of Language Maintenance Program participants has been recounted based on actual participation rather than participation in the Program upon achievement of the desired level. [ ] reported it was the practice of the DDO to enter Achievement Program designees in the Maintenance Program

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at the beginning of training to ensure their participation in the Maintenance Program should the level be reached. Due to the possibility of changed requirements for participants, designees will not be automatically entered in the Maintenance Program upon achievement of the desired level; however, reminders will be sent to the sponsoring component requesting reconfirmation of the original designation once the designee has reached the required level. (U)

7. Item 6: Recertification of Proficiency for Language Achievement Program Participants

Tested proficiency for Language Achievement Program participants must be recertified to serve as the basis for future achievement awards if there is a recorded claim or tested proficiency which has not been validated since 1 January 1970. (U)

8. Item 7: Increased Award Amounts for Unit Language Requirements of Two or More Languages

25X1 Increased amounts will be considered in an overall review of the Language Incentive Program prior to revision of HN  however, the Use Award can be paid to individuals occupying dual language requirements for qualifying in one of two languages required, either partially or fully, but in any case not more than \$50. (U)

9. Item 8: Increased Language Incentive Program Award Amounts

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10. Item 9: Language Development Complement

Mr. Hart will check out the specifics of the Language Development Complement and report to the Committee in a future meeting. (U)



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